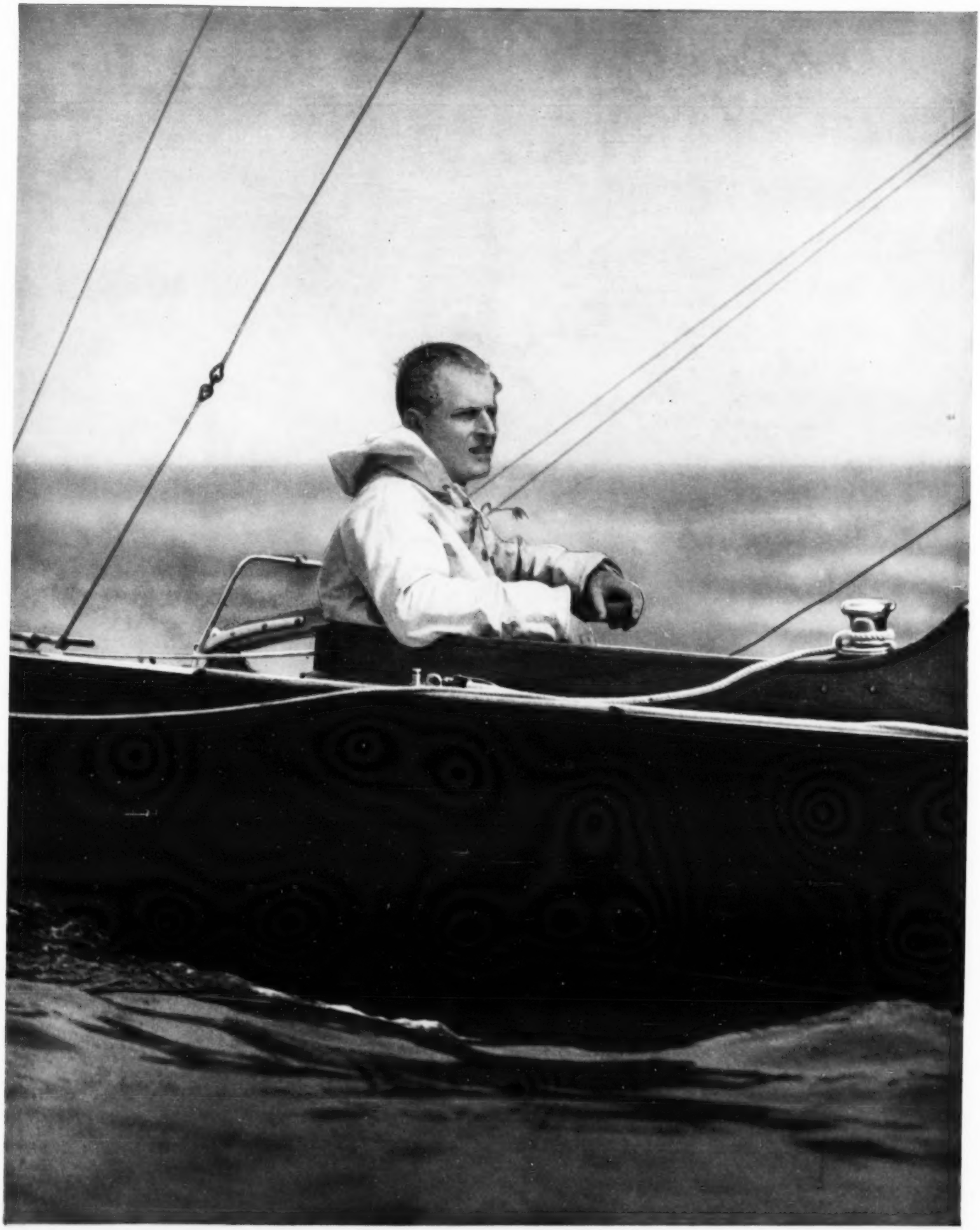

A ROYAL YACHTSMAN: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON HER TOUR OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Duke of Edinburgh, with his inborn love of the sea, welcomes any opportunity of sailing, which is one of his favourite pastimes. In 1952 and again this year, the Duke has raced his yachts *Bluebottle* and *Cowslip* during Cowes Week. In this photograph his Royal Highness is at the tiller of the Royal Dragon yacht *Bluebottle*, which was given to the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, and himself as a wedding present from the Island Sailing Club, Isle of Wight. The Duke is so interested in the Dragon class, one of the most popular classes of racing boat in European waters, that he has presented a trophy for competition each year in Canada by yachts of this class, which are rapidly increasing in number in that country. Since Queen Elizabeth came to the throne in February 1952, the Duke of Edinburgh has taken a large share in the fulfilment of Royal engagements and duties, and his qualities have endeared him to the British people. There is little doubt that his participation in the present Royal tour of the Commonwealth will be as successful as his part in the tour of Canada in 1951, when his tact and courtesy won him affection and respect everywhere.

MAKING A PERSONAL VISIT TO LANDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

Her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh arranged to leave London by air for Bermuda on Monday last, November 23, on the start of their Tour of the Commonwealth, a journey which will take them round the world. Our portrait of the Queen, by Professor Arthur Fan, was specially commissioned by the people of Singapore as a tribute to her Majesty, and now hangs in the City Hall, Singapore. She is shown wearing the ribbon, star and Lesser George of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, of which she is Sovereign.

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THE QUEEN'S CHILDREN, WHO ARE NOT ACCOMPANYING THEIR PARENTS ON THEIR TOUR.

H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, Heir-Apparent to the Throne, was born on November 14, 1948. Princess Anne was three on August 15. *[Colour Photograph by Marcus Adams.]*